



Long Beach Police Department

Crime Watch News

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COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING



CHIEF'S ANNUAL **"STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT"** **ADDRESS**

Wednesday, January 21, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Long Beach Water Department
1800 East Wardlow Road

Come and meet our Chief of Police, who will provide an update on current crime trends and the future direction of the Long Beach Police Department.

Please join us for an informative evening and bring your friends and neighbors! Our monthly Community Crime Prevention Meetings are open to everyone in the community.

Upcoming Events/Volunteer Opportunities

- January 9, 2004, Friday, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Long Beach Jam Basketball - Police and Fire Appreciation Night
CSULB Pyramid, 5500 East Atherton Street
Come out and watch the LB Police Basketball Team whomp on the LB Fire Team at 5:00 p.m. and then enjoy a professional American Basketball Association game between the *Long Beach Jam* v. *Juarez, Mexico's Gallos de Pelea* Team
Tickets \$15, Purchase from the LB Police Officer's Assn, 562-426-1201
- January 17, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
16th Annual Martin Luther King Birthday Unity Parade and Celebration
Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 1950 Lemon Avenue
Call for further information: Office of the Councilwoman Laura Richardson 570-6618
- February 7, Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Long Beach Ice Dogs Hockey - Police and Fire Appreciation Night



LAST CHANCE TO PROVIDE YOUR NOMINATION!!
GOLD SHIELD AWARDS
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH RECOGNITION PROGRAM
NOMINATION FORM

The Police Department and the Neighborhood Watch Advisory Committee would like to recognize individuals and groups who, as participants in the Neighborhood Watch Program, have contributed to the improvement of their neighborhood. Recognition should be given for:

- ♦ Significant accomplishments at the block or community level
- ♦ Significant neighborhood improvements
- ♦ Improvements within the Neighborhood Watch Program
- ♦ Significant efforts in supporting the Neighborhood Watch Program

NOMINEE (Individual or Group)

Group (if group nomination): _____

Name (Block Captain if group nomination): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Briefly describe the nominee's contribution(s) to Neighborhood Watch.
Use additional pages if necessary.

How did you become aware of the nominee's contribution(s)?

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please submit your completed nomination form to the Community Relations Division by **February 1st, 2004.**

Happy New Year!

As we enter the New Year, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the participation, enthusiasm, and dedication you have provided to the police department and to your community throughout this past year. Your efforts have helped make The City of Long Beach a safer place to live and work.

Together with the men and women of the Long Beach Police Department, we have made a difference!

The Long Beach Police Department would also like to thank everyone for their generous



contributions to this year's "Toy Patrol" Annual Christmas Toy Drive. Through your generous donations, the Police Department was able to bring the Christmas spirit into homes of many needy families in Long Beach, once again this year!



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS TO FIGHT CRIME

- **Invest in a shredder and a locking mailbox** to prevent the costly and inconvenient crime of identity theft. Encourage your neighbors and loved ones to do the same. They make great gifts!
- **Call 1-888-5-OPT-OUT** to cancel pre-approved credit card offers. Call your credit card company to request them to cease mailing "courtesy checks."
- **Make it a habit to drop outgoing mail off at the Post Office.** Leaving your mail in an unsecured receptacle or in your mailbox with the flag up is a bad habit that everyone needs to give up!
- **Use an anti-theft device on your automobile.** Keep doors locked and windows rolled up. If you do not have a car alarm, many auto supply stores sell self-adhesive red blinking lights that resemble an activated car alarm system. A thief who is casing vehicles will most likely not take the chance, and will move on to an easier target.
- **Keep your car free of packages, papers, and items with your personal identifying information on it.** Auto theft and auto burglary are commonly linked to identity theft.
- **Remove the contents of your purse or wallet, and only carry what you need.** This will minimize your losses in the event of theft or loss. Make a copy of the front and back of the items you carry so you will know what to cancel and replace.
- **Order a copy of your credit report regularly.** This will indicate any fraudulent activity involving your credit.
- **Schedule a Home Security Inspection** by calling our Crime Prevention Unit at (562) 570-7215. This a free service that will help prevent a home burglary by identifying ways to secure your residence more effectively.
- **Reactivate your Neighborhood Watch group!** This is a great way to get reacquainted with your neighbors, learn current crime trends, and learn the latest in crime prevention techniques.
- **Attend our Community Crime Prevention Meetings.** These informative meetings feature a different topic each month, and friends and family are always welcome!

Check Your Neighborhood Watch Signs



We need your assistance to report tired and worn Neighborhood Watch signs. If you are a Block Captain with an active Neighborhood Watch group and your streets' signs need replacement, place call us!

If you are driving within the City and you see a sign that is in need of replacement, call us on that too!

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Upcoming Department Promotions!

On January 14th, we will be celebrating the following promotions:

- Robert Luna to Deputy Chief
- Gregory Allison to Commander
- Joseph Levy to Commander
- 7 Officers to Sergeant
- Richard Funke to Supervisor



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SUCCESS STORIES

This month we received this success story from Block Captain Sharman Wallace, of the 1600 block of Grand Avenue. Read on to see how Neighborhood Watch fights crime the most effective way possible — before it begins! Please share your own Neighborhood Watch Success Story by sending an article to the Community Relations Division, or e-mail it to Lisa_Massacani@longbeach.gov.

Alert Neighbor Gets Criminal Off the Streets

On November 19, 2003, an elderly neighbor was watching television after lunch, when she noticed a man on the porch of a neighbor's home. She knew the residents' worked during the day, so she continued to watch. The man rang the bell and waited for a period of time on the porch. He then went around to the back of the house, while our alert neighbor moved to a better vantage point to continue surveillance in the safety of her home. She watched as the stranger went back to the front of the house, look around in both directions, and then disappear to the rear of the home once again. Our observant lady then called the police. She gave an accurate description of the stranger, what she observed, and her knowledge that her neighbors were not home.

The police arrived quickly and checked out the property. A screen had been removed from a rear house window and two large handprints were left on the window glass. Within a few minutes, an officer was at the door of our savvy senior, and informing her they had caught the burglar. Our little lady got her first ride in a police car to identify the suspect. She readily identified the burglar and he was taken into custody.

We consider this 80 years young lady to be our hero! Attendance at Sharman's Neighborhood Watch meetings paid off! Our hero claims the training she received at these meetings provided her the knowledge to watch and call the police. This knowledge thwarted a burglary and got a wanted criminal off the streets!

This criminal is now serving four years in state prison. Maybe next time he'll pay more attention to those Neighborhood Watch signs!